



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*  
John Hoeven  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**FIRST NATIONS DAY**  
**NATIVE AMERICAN MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the 58<sup>th</sup> North Dakota Legislative Assembly authorized a new section to Chapter 1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code creating First Nations Day; and

**WHEREAS**, the forbearers of the indigenous peoples of the State of North Dakota played a unique role in the shaping of this state's history and culture, and the history and culture of this nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Indian people continue to play a vital and integral role in shaping the future of North Dakota and the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, American Indian governments, colleges, and businesses play a critical role in strengthening their communities; and a vital, contributing role in the economic infrastructure of the State of North Dakota through education and business development; and

**WHEREAS**, all citizens of North Dakota are encouraged to learn about the history and heritage of the Native peoples of this great land; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 10, 2003, **FIRST NATIONS DAY**, and November 2003 as **NATIVE AMERICAN MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.

/s/  
John Hoeven  
Governor

Attest:

/s/  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State